#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Agency makes this form available for individuals and organizations to use to notify the Secretary of an alleged violation(s) of Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or the implementing federal or state regulations or rules that occurred not more than **one year** prior to the date that the complaint is received by the Secretary. Use of this form is not required to file an administrative complaint; you may opt to write a letter, or contact the Agency or one the advocacy organizations listed below for further assistance with your filing. The signature of the individual filing an administrative complaint is required for the complaint to be valid.

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. All asterisked (\*) information on this form should be included when you submit your administrative complaint. If the sections marked with an asterisk (\*) item are not provided, it may result in the denial or delay of a complaint investigation.
- 2. At the same time that you submit this form to the Commissioner, you must also provide a copy of this form to the special education coordinator or superintendent for the Student's supervisory union/school district.
- 3. Please describe your complaint completely and accurately. Remember: It is important that you describe any issue that you wish to have addressed in this administrative complaint investigation, and include any facts and documentation that you believe support your position. Examples of documentation may include individualized education program (IEP) forms, evaluations and communications. Include in your complaint a description of how issues created by or related to the alleged violations could be resolved, to the extent known.
- 4. Only the issue(s) raised in the complaint will be addressed during the investigation. Any additional, or new, alleged violations of special education regulations must be raised in a separate administrative complaint.
- 5. If you are interested in receiving information on mediation, or would like to request mediation services to assist in the resolution of the issues in your complaint, please indicate this on the complaint form.

If you are not sure how to complete this form, you may contact one of the following for more information or assistance:

Vermont Agency of Education

Legal Unit Administrator 219 North Main Street, Suite 402 Barre, VT 05641

Tel: (802) 479-1111

**Vermont Family Network** 

600 Blair Park Rd, Suite 240 Williston, VT 05495

Tel: 1-800-800-4005

VT Disability Law Project

264 North Winooski Avenue Burlington, VT 05402

Tel: 1-800-889-2047 other locations in VT

To file an administrative complaint alleging violations of Part C of the IDEA, you may use this form but must forward the completed complaint to: Coordinator, Children's Integrated Services, Early Intervention, DCF 2 North, Child Development Division, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0204.

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Mail signed, completed form to: Secretary, VT Agency of Education, 219 North Main Street, Suite 402, Barre, VT 05641.

# **Complainant Information:** \*Name, First and Last: \_\_\_\_\_\_ \* Organization and Title, if applicable: \*Address: E-mail Address: Relationship to Student: **Student Information:** \*Name, First and Last: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Address: If Student is homeless, please provide contact information for Student. \*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Has student received a diploma? \_\_\_\_\_ \*School of Attendance: \*District of Residence: Parent/Guardian Name, if applicable: Parent/Guardian Address and Telephone Number, if different from Student: \*Disability (check all that apply): □ Autism Spectrum Disorder □ Multiple Disabilities □ Deaf □ Orthopedic Impairment □ Deaf-Blindness □ Specific Learning Disability □ Developmental Delay ☐ Speech or Language Impairment □ Emotional Disturbance ☐ Traumatic Brain Injury ☐ Hard of Hearing □ Visual Impairment

□ Other Health Impairment: \_\_\_\_\_

□ Learning Impairment

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## **Attorney or Advocate Information (if applicable):**

Name, First and Last:
Address:
Tel () Fax ()
E-mail Address:
Were the issue(s) identified below, the subject of a previous due process complaint, administrative complaint or mediation?   Yes No
Are the issue(s) identified below, the subject of a current due process complaint, administrative complaint or mediation?   Yes No
Please note: If the issues raised in this complaint were the subject of a due process hearing, the hearing decision is final. If the issues raised in this complaint are the subject of a current due process complaint, the administrative complaint investigation will be set aside until the due process complaint is closed.
Are you interested in receiving information about mediation, or would you like to request mediation, in an attempt to resolve the issues identified below? Please select one of the following:  Yes, I would like to receive information on mediation.
Yes, I would like to request mediation to attempt resolution of the issues identified below.
□ No.
*A copy of this request must be provided to the Special Education Coordinator or Superintendent for the School District. Please confirm that this has been done by checking the appropriate box and providing the date: A copy of this request was:   Mailed or Delivered on/
The copy was provided to:
Name: Title:
Address:

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## \*Descriptions of the Issues

Under federal and state law, any person or organization may allege that a public agency has violated a requirement of Part B of the IDEA or the implementing state and federal regulations. The alleged violation must have occurred not more than one year from the date that the complaint is received by the Secretary. Describe your complaint completely and accurately. Attach additional pages if necessary. It is important to describe any issue you wish to have addressed and include any facts and documentation that you believe support your allegation. Only issue(s) raised in the complaint will be addressed during the investigation.

Describe the nature of the issue(s) and any facts relating to the issue(s).

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Describe what actions have been taken to address the issue(s).
Describe how the issue(s) could be resolved, to the extent known. If unknown, please so indicate.